

## SAMPLE UNIT 7 DB POSTS

### INITIAL POST

Ok, so here is my original paragraph and a revised paragraph. I chose the one on saving money. I needed to add research information on exactly how much money could be saved and how this would affect administrative costs. I picked an article entitled Interconnected cloud computing environments: Challenges, Taxonomy, and Survey. I found it in the KU Library, and it's written by three experts on the subject, so I think it's reliable. My concern is whether the information I picked is entirely relevant to the paragraph idea. What do you think?

#### ORIGINAL PARAGRAPH:

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#### PARAGRAPH WITH ADDED SOURCES:

This method saves memory space on multiple PCs. For a business, this can save money by reducing the amount of memory the company needs overall, reducing the number of memory-oriented servers, and reducing the number of system administrators needed to support those servers. Also, the types of PCs the company purchases can be more for faster computing and with less internal memory. According to an article called Interconnected cloud computing environments: Challenges, Taxonomy, and Survey, something as simple as purchasing and updating internal memory can be a very expensive proposition for businesses, particularly if each employee is supplied with a computer at work. Servers also add an astronomical amount to budgets, and the cost to house them is also high. Facebook, for example, spends upwards of \$30 million to purchase, house and upkeep their servers. Granted, not all companies can just replace their servers with cloud based systems, but this gives an indication of potential cost savings.

Thanks,

John

#### RESPONSE TO CLASSMATE'S INITIAL POST

John, I think you have a great paragraph here. It's so much better than the original, and I do think that the source information helps to clarify how money can be saved. I agree that it's a reliable source, especially since the three writers are experts in the field and it sounds like a journal for your field, something experts would read. Is it peer-reviewed? I do have a question about relevance to your topic, and whether you need more research information, though. The example of FB might be a little unrepresentative of most companies, don't you think? What does that source say about average costs of servers and administrative staff to maintain servers? Does the source also say anything about the costs of memory in individual computers? Would including that information help to strengthen your claims/ideas?

Hope this helps!

Kendra